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FRONT, BUT FOLLOWING ARTICLE IN APRIL 18
DAILY TELEGRAPH SUGGESTS CONNECTION BETWEEN
DETENTION OF LIBYANS AND ISSUANCE OF VISAS:
QUOTE THERE WERE FEARS FOR THE SAFETY OF BRITISH
BUSINESSMEN IN LIBYA LAST NIGHT AS THE LIBYAN
AUTHORITIES BEGAN PRESSING FOR THE RELEASE OF
FOUR MEN BEING HELD IN LONDON FOLLOWING THE
KILLING OF A LIBYAN JOURNALIST NEAR REGENT'S
PARK MOSQUE. BRITISH EXPORTERS DEALING WITH THE
LIBYAN EMBASSY IN LONDON WERE TOLD THEY COULD
EXPECT NO FURTHER BUSINESS UNTIL THE FOUR WERE
RELEASED. APPLICANTS FOR VISAS WERE TURNED
AWAY FOR THE SAME REASON. THE FEAR WAS THAT
SOME BRITISH CITIZENS IN LIBYA MIGHT BE ARRESTED
ON FALSE CHARGES TO INCREASE PRESSURE. UNQUOTE

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